Projects in NF Railway

1035. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects being executed in the NF Railway, indicating the date of sanction, original and present cost of projects, year-wise allocation and utilization made, progress of work, allocations for 2002-2003 alongwith the target set; and

(b) the details of additional budgetary support received from various sources to complete those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Additional funds to the tune of Rs. 40 crs. have been provided for New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon gauge conversion from the additional budgetary support given for expediting the progress of certain identified projects.

Fast Trains for Dwarkaji and Somnath

1036. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to connect Dwarkaji and Somnath with Ahmedabad and Mumbai, by introducing fast trains like Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether traffic on the Ahmedabad-Dwarkaji/Somnath-Mumbai-Dwarkaji/Somnath routes has increased tremendously;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There is no such proposal at present.